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REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. Claims 1-19 are directed towards a method of polishing a substrate including at least one metal layer. Claim 1 is currently amended.

Claims 1-19 are rejected on the grounds of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. The Office Action states that in claim one the phrase "the oxidizer" should read "the complexing agent."

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the phrase "the complexing agent."

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent.

Respectfully submitted,

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